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VISION Twenty14
Part 1: Vision is for Today
Sermon Small Group Notes**

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

Vision is ever-expanding because every time The Lord adds someone to the church, they bring a fresh set of eyes.

VISION is a picture of the future that produces passion.

3 Practical Ways to Start Off Your Year (More info on TFH.org)

- 1. 21-Day All Church Fast**
- 2. Read Campaign**
- 3. Imagine Campaign**

[Habakkuk 2.1-3, VOICE]

*I will take my place at the watchtower. I will stand at my post and watch. I will watch (listen) and see what He says to me. I need to think about how I should respond to Him. When He gets back to me with His answer. **Write down this vision.** Write it clearly on tablets, so that anyone who reads it may run.*

[Message]

Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run.

[VOICE]

For the vision points ahead to a time I have appointed; it testifies regarding the end, and it will not lie. Even if there is a delay, wait for it. It is coming and will come without delay.

Clear vision will create boundaries of discipline in your life.

Three Keys to Clear Vision in 2014

1. Write it Down

- a. "I will wait to see what The Lord will say."
- b. "Write down the vision and make it plain (clear)"

2. Ask the Question.

"What am I doing TODAY to live out the vision God has for me this year?"

3. Take the Next Steps

DURING 2014 I NEED TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:

SALVATION--Fully committing to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

WATER BAPTISM--Going public with my faith and obeying the Biblical mandate.

STARTING POINT--Focused Small Group to establish the basic teachings of Christianity.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY--Specialized ministry for dealing with all types of addictions, hurts, & hangups.

HEART FOR THE HOUSE--Learning the Mission, Vision, and Values of TFH.

MEMBERSHIP--Offered at *Heart for the House*.

LIFE CHANGE EVENT--Dealing with our past in order to move into the future.

SMALL GROUP--Connecting with other believers.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS--Interested in attending an information meeting.

EQUIP--Specialized Classes to go deeper in your faith.

SMALL GROUP TRAINING--Learning to lead your own group.

FINANCIAL PARTNER--Learning how you can support the ministries and outreaches of TFH.

SERVE THE HOUSE--Sign up to serve in a variety of ways and time slots.

[Acts 10.43]

*He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that **every-one who believes in Him** will have their sins forgiven through His name.*

[1 Corinthians 14.26, VOICE]

*When you come together, **every person has a vital role because each has gifts**...all of this should be done to strengthen the life and faith of the community.*

[Ephesians 2.21-22]

*In Him each separate piece of the building, properly fitting into its neighbor, grows together into a temple consecrated to God. **You are all part of this building** in which God himself lives by His spirit.*

[Ephesians 4.16]

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, **so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are you doing TODAY to live out the vision God has for you this year?
2. What are some things that you do that produce passion?
3. Would you say that you're part of the crowd, congregation, committed, or core here at the church? What is the Next Step for you in growing in your faith (and moving from one circle into the next) here in the local church? (See the section on Next Steps)
4. What would it look like for us to be culture builders?